

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Konomi Takeshita on 14 January 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 7, line 3, replace the phrase "an opening" with the phrase --the opening--.

Change(s) applied to document, ¹⁶ Claim 9, line 3, replace the phrase "an opening" with the phrase --the opening--.

/D.A.M./
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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Although the references of record show some similar features of applicant's claimed device, the prior art fails to teach or make obvious the claimed invention, wherein the claims are drawn to a vehicle door latch comprising a locking mechanism, an operating lever, a motor drive containing a drive disk with a front-sided cam for causing reciprocating motion of the operating lever, the cam having an irregular-shaped wheel portion and an end portion located about a cam rotational axis coincident with a drive disk rotational axis, a rear-sided element limiting the angle of rotation of the drive disk and an electric motor capable of turning in both an actuation direction and a reverse direction for directly driving corresponding rotation of said drive disk in an actuation direction and in a reverse direction said rotations being limited by the element limiting the angle of